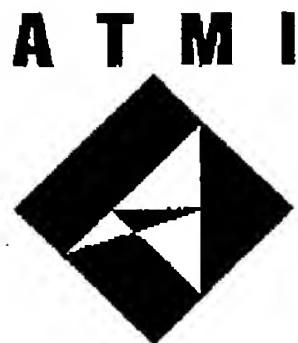


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In response to the April 6, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application, please amend the claims of the above-identified U.S. patent application as in Section I (Amendments to Claims) at below:

Section I. (Amendments to Claims)

Please cancel claim 20, and amend claims 1-4, 9-19, and 21, as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A process for improving delivery reproducibility of a cyclosiloxane precursor to a chemical vapor deposition reactor, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a cyclosiloxane precursor;
 - (b) treating said cyclosiloxane precursor, by reducing the concentration of water and optionally at least one impurity[[,]] from a ~~said~~ cyclosiloxane precursor, comprising contacting the cyclosiloxane precursor with an adsorbent bed material, so as to remove therefrom at least a portion of the water, and optionally the at least one impurity, to produce a purified cyclosiloxane precursor having a reduced level less than < 0.001% of water and optionally less than < 0.001% of the at least one impurity; and
removing the purified cyclosiloxane precursor from the adsorbent bed material
 - (c) vaporizing said purified cyclosiloxane precursor; and
 - (d) delivering vapor of said purified cyclosiloxane precursor to said chemical vapor deposition reactor,
wherein treatment of the cyclosiloxane precursor functions to prevent or minimize premature polymerization of said cyclosiloxane precursor in the chemical vapor deposition reactor and associated delivery lines.
2. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said at least one impurity is selected from the group consisting of acidic and basic impurities.
3. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said at least one impurity is acidic.
4. (Currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said at least one impurity is basic.